

In connexion with the implementation of the above resolution, the President of the Security Council announced, in a note circulated as a Security Council document, the following measures which had been approved by the Council:

On 18 August 1970, the President issued a note⁸ stating that, after consultations among the members of the Council, it had been agreed that the *Ad Hoc* Sub-Committee on Namibia re-established in pursuance of Security Council resolution 283 (1970) would be composed of all the members of the Council and would work under the same procedures as those followed by the *Ad Hoc* Sub-Committee established in pursuance of Security Council resolution 276 (1970).

Resolution 284 (1970)
of 29 July 1970

The Security Council,

Reaffirming the special responsibility of the United Nations with regard to the Territory and the people of Namibia,

Recalling its resolution 276 (1970) of 30 January 1970 on the question of Namibia,

Taking note of the report and recommendations⁹ submitted by the *Ad Hoc* Sub-Committee established in pursuance of Security Council resolution 276 (1970),

⁸ *Ibid.*, document S/9911.

⁹ *Ibid.*, document S/9863.

Taking further note of the recommendation of the *Ad Hoc* Sub-Committee on the possibility of requesting an advisory opinion from the International Court of Justice,

Considering that an advisory opinion from the International Court of Justice would be useful for the Security Council in its further consideration of the question of Namibia and in furtherance of the objectives the Council is seeking,

1. *Decides* to submit, in accordance with Article 96, paragraph 1, of the Charter of the United Nations, the following question to the International Court of Justice, with the request for an advisory opinion which shall be transmitted to the Security Council at an early date:

“What are the legal consequences for States of the continued presence of South Africa in Namibia, notwithstanding Security Council resolution 276 (1970)?”;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the present resolution to the International Court of Justice, in accordance with Article 65 of the Statute of the Court, accompanied by all documents likely to throw light upon the question.

Adopted at the 1550th meeting by 12 votes to none, with 3 abstentions (Poland, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland).

QUESTION CONCERNING THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA¹⁰

In connexion with the implementation of resolution 253 (1968) of 29 May 1968, the President of the Security Council announced, in notes circulated as Security Council documents, the following measures which had been approved by the Council:

On 10 April 1970, the President issued a note¹¹ stating that, after consultations with the members of the Council, it had been agreed that until a further decision was reached the Committee established in pursuance of Security Council resolution 253 (1968) would be composed of: France, Nepal, Nicaragua, Sierra Leone, Union of Soviet Socialist

Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America.¹²

On 30 September 1970, the President issued a note¹³ stating that, after consultations, it had been agreed that as of 1 October 1970 the Committee established in pursuance of Security Council resolution 253 (1968) would be composed of all the members of the Council, and that the Chairmanship of

¹² The composition of the Committee, as originally established, is given in documents S/8697 of 31 July 1968 and S/8697/Add.1 of 27 January 1969: see *Official Records of the Security Council, Twenty-third Year, Supplement for July, August and September 1968*, and *ibid.*, *Twenty-fourth Year, Supplement for January, February and March 1969*.

¹³ See *Official Records of the Security Council, Twenty-fifth Year, Supplement for July, August and September 1970*, document S/9951.

¹⁰ Resolutions or decisions on this question were also adopted by the Council in 1963, 1965, 1966, 1968 and 1969.

¹¹ See *Official Records of the Security Council, Twenty-fifth Year, Supplement for April, May and June 1970*, document S/9748.